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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

1. The reply filed on January 02, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has failed to properly amend the claims. See 37 CFR 1.111. The amendments to the claims should be presented in the below format. If an amendment to a claim requires the addition of more than five words, the claim must be completely rewritten with the additions to the claim being underlined. Any deletions from the claims must be enclosed in brackets. No matter may be inserted into the claims that was not in the originally filed disclosure.

As an example, if a claim for a chair were originally written as follows:

1. A chair comprising a horizontal seat, a vertical back, and a plurality of vertical support members.

An amended version of this claim might then be written as follows:

1. (Amended) A chair comprising a horizontal seat, a vertical back, and [a plurality of] four vertical [support members] legs attached to said seat.

In this example, the words "a plurality of" and "support members" have been deleted from the claim. The words "--four--" and "--legs attached to said seat--" have been inserted.

If the specification or drawings originally described the inclusion of four legs on the chair, the new limitation of "four legs" in the claim would not constitute new matter.

Claim 1 of the amendment received July 27, 2003 includes limitations ("...wherein the orientation of said document...form of identification.") that have not been either included or properly deleted from the currently presented claim 1.

Claim 44 of the amendment received July 27, 2003 includes limitations ("A method for securing the identity of a traveler to their travel documents") that have not been either included or properly deleted from the currently presented claim 44 ("A method for securing the identity of a traveler to a travel document").

Claim 45, of the amendment received July 27, 2003 include limitations ("A method for securing the identity of a traveler to their documents") that have not been either included or properly deleted from the currently presented claim 45 ("A method for securing a traveler's documents").

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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**Conclusion**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Monica S. Carter whose telephone number is (703) 305-0305. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (7:00 AM - 4:30 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrea L. Wellington can be reached on (703) 308-2159. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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